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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the 61st Round of National Sample Survey Organisation the unemployment rate in rural and Urban areas of the country is 17% and 45% respectively during July 2004 to June 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons for increase in the rate of unemployment during the last two years;

(c) whether any analysis to this effect has been make by the Government;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Survey has revealed that the unemployment rate in women is higher than that of men; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a, e &f) As per 55th and 61st round of NSSO, unemployment rate in the country on usual status basis during 1999-2000 and 2004-05 are given below :

Year	Rural (%)			Urban (%)			All (%)	
	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female	Person		
1999-2000	1.7	1.0	1.5	4.5	5.7	4.7	2.2	
2004-2005	1.6	1.8	1.7	3.8	6.3	4.5	2.3	

(b to d) The results of these surveys indicate that while unemployment rate in the rural areas has marginally gone up, in the urban areas, it has declined. On the whole, unemployment rate has marginally gone up from 2.2% in 1999-2000 to 2.3% during 2004-05.